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From: "Stephen A. Gregory" <Stephen_Gregory@email.com>
To: <droinfo@info.fcc.gov>, <access@fcc.gov>
Date: 9/16/01 11:33PM
Subject: Re: FCC Seeks Comments on Definition of Universal Service

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>telecommunications services. Consumers are asked to comment if anything
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